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Discussion Guide

Out of an old cedar-scented trunk in the attic come tap shoes, bowler hats, striped vests, bow ties—everything Grandpa needs to take his grandchildren back to his vaudeville days. After reading the story, explore the idea of time with these questions. Be sure to let children share stories of their own favorite activities with grandparents, too.

- Why do you think Grandpa keeps his song and dance shoes in a trunk in the attic?
- When do you think Grandpa was a song and dance man? What are some clues?
- What do you think the “good old days” are?

- Subjects:

Cleverness, Main Idea and Details, Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences, Hobbies, Play, Recreation, Creativity and Imagination, Dance, Drama, Theater, Musicals, Grandparents and Grandchildren

- Skills:

Drawing Conclusions, Main Idea and Details